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Vaidyara Nade-Halliya Kade

flagged off

Aims at weeding out Coronavirus from rural areas; Five teams for each taluk

District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar and other dignitaries seen flagging off "Vaidyara Nade-Halliya Kade" at Hootagalli Circle this morning.

Mysuru, June 4 (RK&SSV)- District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar flagged off *"Vaidyara Nade-Halliya Kade" (Doctors' march towards villages),* a programme launched by the State Government to weed out Corona pandemic from rural areas, at Hootagalli Circle on Hunsur Road here this morning. He waved the green flag for vehicles carrying doctors, data entry operators, lab technicians, ASHA workers and Police, who will visit villages that are having more number of infected persons and conduct test on them.

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II PUC exam cancelled

SSLC exam in July third week

Bengaluru, June 4- Ending days of confusion and speculations over the conduct of II PUC and SSLC exams of State Board amid the COVID crisis, Primary and Secondary Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar said that there will be no exam for II PUC students of Karnataka and the SSLC exam of State Board will be held in the third week of July.

Addressing a press meet at Bengaluru this morning, Suresh Kumar said, "In view of the COVID-19 crisis, the Government has decided not to hold the II PU exam-2021."

However, we are going ahead with the conduct of exam for SSLC (Class 10) students of State Board in the third week of July, after assessing the COVID situation and in consultation with experts. The SSLC students will be examined for their performance in a different format, the Minister said.

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I have not received Shilpa Nag's resignation letter: Chief Secretary

Mysuru, June 4- Chief Secretary P. Ravikumar, who is in city in connection with COVID meeting, told media that he was not aware of MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag's resignation nor has he received the resignation letter yet.

He arrived this afternoon to review COVID situation in the District in the wake of spike in positive cases. All senior District Officers are participating in the meeting to explain the steps taken to check the spread of Coronavirus in rural areas.

Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri is learnt to have met the Chief Secretary with documents to support her statements.

Clash of Commissioners

- *I am not resigning accepting defeat but I am quitting in protest. The DC must set right this behaviour or else she must leave Mysuru*
- *The DC cannot set right the differences with political leaders but instead she is targeting me*
- *The DC is egoistic and no district should see a DC like her*

"The DC is egoistic and has a cheap mentality. She should not make Mysuru a scapegoat. I am not resigning accepting defeat but I am quitting in protest. The DC must set right this behaviour or else she must leave Mysuru. She is discrediting Mysureans and Mysuru city. If you are not leaving, I will. There were reports of the DC constructing a swimming pool and a gym at DC's residence which is a heritage building. As the MCC Commissioner I could have served a notice on the DC. But I did not for the only reason that COVID must be our focus. The DC cannot set right the differences with political leaders but instead she is targeting me. I have been a victim of this target since many days. She even questioned my presence in the War Room. As a Commissioner don't I have the powers to visit even a War Room?"

— Shilpa Nag, Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner

Mysuru, June 4 (BCT)- In a sudden turn of events in Mysuru's COVID management, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Shilpa Nag resigned from her post and the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) and sent the resignation letter to State Chief Secretary. She announced her resignation at a press conference called last afternoon where she cited 'harassment' by Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri, also an IAS Officer.

The resignation, however, brought out the lack of coordination in pandemic management at a time when Mysuru is seeing more than 1,500 cases on a daily average and an alarming death rate.

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- *If an officer is unhappy with seniors there is a particular process in the administration... instead of speaking to media*
- *I only asked her to furnish details of the accounts till June 1 and I have not received any reply till now...*
- *None of this constitutes harassment by any stretch of imagination*

"I have already issued a press note regarding this. Everything has a particular process and all officers must follow this. If an officer is unhappy with seniors too there is a particular process in the administration. The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner could have complained to the Regional Commissioner or the Chief Secretary instead of speaking to media.

I had asked proper figures of positivity and deaths from the Mysuru City Corporation. One day it cannot be 400 and the very next day 40. I have explained to the Chief Secretary and will also clarify my stand when I will meet him today. Who is not under pressure today? All the Officers, State Government and Union Government are also under pressure. My only focus now is COVID-19 control. That's priority."

— Rohini Sindhuri, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner

Mysuru, June 4 (BCT)-Hours after Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner and IAS Officer Shilpa Nag announced her resignation, accusing Mysuru DC Rohini Sindhuri of humiliating her at every step, the latter has denied all allegations. In a statement to media, Rohini Sindhuri said Shilpa's accusations "are contrary to the real facts."

Rohini said that Shilpa Nag has been issuing statements to the press against the District Administration since the last 10 days and such a conduct was not expected from the MCC Commissioner. She alleged that Shilpa had stopped attending COVID-19 review meets convened by her in the capacity of DC.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 4th June 2021

More than 60 lakh doses of vaccines will be administered in June:CM

Bengaluru, June 4 (UNI)- Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa on Thursday said that more than 60 lakh doses of the anti-COVID-19 vaccines will be administered across the State this month.

"With 1.41 crores doses administered so far, Karnataka will complete two crore jabs by the end of this month," Yediyurappa said in a tweet, thanking Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his "continued support" for Karnataka's vaccination drive.

According to data made public by the Government, Karnataka will receive 45 lakh doses from the Centre in June. The State Government will directly procure 13.7 lakh doses.

The Centre will give Karnataka 37,60,610 doses of Covishield and 7,40,190 doses of Covaxin. Karnataka will directly procure 10,86,080 doses of Covishield and 2,84,760 doses of Covaxin. Tweeting these figures, BJP National General Secretary (Organisation) B.L. Santhosh said it was the State Government's duty to allot "jab wise, district wise, target groups wise quotas."

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Who has no problems? Everyone has. A crowd of problems marching towards us with plans to conquer us — is life to the majority! But some rare people discover, even in the midst of a host of threatening problems, an artistic way of tickling them all to laughter! This art, in fact, should be the art of living, unaffected by the little problems of our lives. Loss of wealth, of a dear and near relation are all examples, and a few come to consider these as grave problems, while others seem to discover in themselves a secret spring of some mysterious power, encouraged by which they walk out of their heart pangs to face the problem in the open sunlit world.

Grave problems can drive only unintelligent men of undisciplined thought and habits to an early grave! Others walk side by side with their grave problems and so manipulate the circumstances and make use of the various happenings around them that they always successfully push the problems into the grave and themselves safely walk away! Such men are the mighty men of destiny in the world.

In a hospital, the doctor goes around, and bed to bed he instructs everything that the patient needs — his environment, his situation, what food to be taken, whether he can move about or not. The doctor is not there to give you sorrow. But a certain amount of sorrow is unavoidable to take you out of the imperfections in the physical structure at that moment. In his pain, the patient may curse the doctor. But the doctor only smiles. He knows from experience that when the patient has been discharged, he would prostrate before the doctor and say, "Doctor! You have saved me!" In the same way, the infinitely kind Lord supplies each one of us the right environment necessary to evolve us; sometimes to some people more pain; to others more joy. But if we know that it is the process of evolution — that these are what is necessary for me, what I need for my growth — if we have got that much of faith in the Lord as we have for the doctor, life then becomes beautiful. Then onwards, we don't get involved in either joys or sorrows but stand apart as a witness to watch the process.

A problem is never solved by succumbing to it. In fact, problems grow, fattened and nourished by the number of victims that come under their onslaught. Therefore, each of us must learn the art of facing the upheavals in our lives. There is no shortcut, no mysterious and secret way. The grand old path has to be trodden to reach the eternal goal of perfect peace. *— Swami Chinmayananda in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Injured cockroach taken to Vet for treatment

Krathum Baen: A Thai doctor recently took to Facebook to share photos of a rather unusual patient – a cockroach that someone spotted on the side of the road after being stepped on.

Last week, Thanu Limpapattanawanich, a veterinarian from Krathum Baen, in Thailand, found himself having to save the life of a very special patient. A person had come with an injured cockroach that they had witnessed being accidentally stepped on by someone else. Unable to let the insect die on the side of the road, the person took it in the palm and brought it to the Sai Rak Animal Hospital. Instead of laughing at the person who brought in the bug, Dr. Limpapattanawanich took the case and treated the cockroach for free.

Though the doctor rose to the challenge, there wasn't much he could do other than place the insect in an oxygenated container to increase its chances of survival. No word on whether the cockroach survived or not, but the simple gesture of trying to save it melted the hearts of many on social media.

Denied leave, man goes to work with oxygen support

Bokaro: A bank employee, who was recovering from COVID-19 and allegedly denied leave showed up to work with an oxygen tank for his life support.

Arvind Kumar, Manager at a Bank in Bokaro of Jharkhand, showed up to work with an oxygen mask and a cylinder. In a video the middle-aged man can be heard saying that he was denied leave, so he had to come to work, even though he was still recovering from COVID. The video of Kumar leaning on his wife and his son dragging the oxygen tube have been doing the round online for over a week, sparking controversy on social media. However, the financial institution quickly went on the counter-attack, accusing Kumar of staging the whole thing.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Upper GI Endoscopy by a qualified doctor as per International standards is mandatory in patients with the following alarm symptoms: Recent onset of symptoms in patients above 50 years ,family history of GI malignancy, unintentional weight loss, GI bleeding, iron deficiency anemia, difficulty or pain while swallowing, persistent vomiting, palpable abdominal mass or lymphadenopathy, and jaundice.

Dr. Anoop Alva - Consultant Gastroenterology & Hepatology

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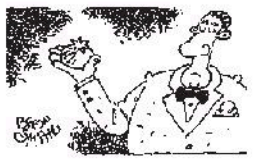


Tomatoes, followed by grapefruit and honeydew melon, are at the top of the list of foods that prevent platelet aggregation, a leading cause of heart disease. Most fruits and vegetables are beneficial in this regard.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JUNE 2	JUNE 3
Day's Positive Cases	1,687	1,573
Total Positive Cases	1,45,655	1,47,228
Day's Discharges	1,034	1,322
Total Discharges	1,28,757	1,30,079
Day's Deaths	12	12
Total Deaths	1,651	1,663
Total Active Cases	15,247	15,486

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Documentary on making of *Parva* to be launched online

Mysuru, June 4- The seven-hour-30-minute mega play 'Parva,' the theatre adaptation of one of the masterpieces of Novelist Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa by the same name, was staged in full length and also in 3 episodes — Adi Parva (2-hour-45-minute), Niyoga Parva (2-hour-15-minute) and Yudha Parva (3-hour) — at Rangayana in city in the month of March and received good response.

Now, a documentary titled 'Parva - Poorvaranga' (Making of 'Parva'), directed by P. Sheshadri, will be launched online on the Rangayana website *[www.rangayana.org]* on June 7 at 6.30 pm. In the 30-minute documentary, the theatre artistes will share their experience working for the mega play directed by Prakash Belawadi.

REALLY...?

- ***The word Train comes from a French verb which means to draw or drag.***
- ***Ghost trains run on the British Train Network often.***
- ***Trains were built to transport passengers and cargo quickly along railroads.***
- ***Early trains once relied on gravity and rope for motion.***
- ***Some trains have a second locomotive which pushes the train forward from the back.***
- ***Diesel trains weren't used until the 1940s.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

The husband was always busy poring over books. The nagging wife once said with a sigh, *"If I were a book, I could always find your company."*

The husband promptly replied, *"Dear, if you were really a book, you should be an almanac, so that I can change it every year."*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.00
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 102.85
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.87
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.40

VOICE OF THE READER

Grievance regarding CESC Smart Meters

Sir,

It is since Jan. 2021, CESC Mysuru is trying to implement Smart Meters. In our building there are two connections, hence two electricity meters and they have chosen to make one as smart and other as non-smart !

It is now 4 years-plus, we have been paying all our bills online including CESC bills. Our area billing cycle is: bill date 3rd of every month, last pay date is 17th of every month.

Now the problem is with smart meters. This cycle is never achieved. Every time I have to go to their office and request them to upload the bill to CESC website, to enable me to pay the bill. This requires two to three visits every time, due to various reasons. If follow up is not taken no one bothers to upload the bill to the website in time.

For the last two months I intentionally did not follow up, as I wanted to see what action CESC will take. It was observed that the bill was uploaded in the first three days of the next month and they charged a late payment penalty !

Since Jan. 2021, I have met EE one time, AO 5 times, AE 6 times, AEE number of times. I would have visited their office at least 25 to 30 times till date. But no action at all. Even now as I am writing this mail to you this bill is not uploaded yet.

I am a retired senior citizen and I have two more super-senior citizens at home. Do you think I should be going to the CESC office again and again and the problem is not resolved for the last 5 months?

Non-smart meter is working fine but the smart meter is not. Will the CESC ever set this right?

—H.S. Ramanuja
on e-mail
Brindavan Extension 28.5.2021

Helpline for COVID orphaned children

Mysuru, June 4 - The Women and Child Welfare Department has launched a Helpline for COVID orphaned children in the age group of 0 to 18 years. The Helpline No. is **0821-2543003.**

Those having any information about such children and children who require help, can contact the Department Office located on Anjanadri Main Road, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, Mysuru **(Ph: 0821-2543003)** or call Child Protection Officer Srinivas Raje Urs on **98450-82488,** Counsellor Mamatha on **81473-45081,** Social workers C.B. Venkatesh on **81055-31433,** Padmashri on **99865-87662** or Child Helpline **1098.**

Over 1.93 crore COVID vaccine doses still available with States: Health Ministry

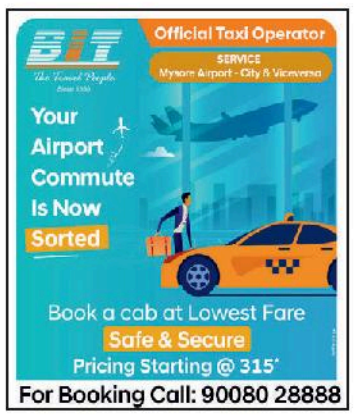
New Delhi, June 4 (UNI) - More than 1.93 crore (1,93,95,287) of COVID vaccine doses are still available with the States and Union Territories, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Affairs said today.

The Centre has so far provided, both through the free of cost category and through direct State procurement category, more than 24 crore vaccine doses (24,21,29,250) to them.

Of this, the total consumption, including wastages, is 22,27,33,963 doses, as per data available this morning.

'As part of the nationwide vaccination drive, Government of India has been supporting the States and UTs by providing them COVID vaccines free of cost. In addition, the Centre has also been facilitating direct procurement of vaccines by the States/UTs. Vaccination is an integral pillar of the comprehensive strategy of Government of India for containment and management of the pandemic, along with Test, Track, Treat and COVID Appropriate Behaviour,' it said.

Implementation of the Liberalized and Accelerated Phase-3 Strategy of COVID-19 vaccination has started from May 1, 2021. Meanwhile, the country recorded 1,32,364 new cases of the novel Coronavirus in the past 24 hours, taking the total number of infections to 2,85,74,350.



Change perception of people towards Govt. Hospitals: Minister tells docs

Dr. K. Sudhakar

Bengaluru, June 4 (SSV)- Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar has called upon doctors to work with dedication and commitment to take healthcare services at Government Hospitals to world-class and change the people's perception of about Government facilities.

Virtually addressing 1,763 newly-recruited doctors by Department of Health and Family Welfare here recently, he said the recruitment of doctors amidst pandemic has been historic because of three reasons.

Firstly, this was the biggest recruitment drive taken up by the Government for the Health Department to recruit 1,763 doctors at a time.

Secondly, this was the first time that the Department of Health and Family Welfare has recruited doctors directly as Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) was handling the recruitment process earlier.

Thirdly, the whole process of recruitment was done in a record time of six months.

The Minister said Government hospitals were being looked down upon by many even today without any reason. There was responsibility on the shoulders of new doctors to bring in fresh enthusiasm, energy and attitude towards Government facilities. It was possible to change the system and make Government Hospitals world-class but it required commitment and determination. Patients, who come to Government Hospitals, for treatment belong to lower strata of society. The purpose of having these facilities was to provide a good healthcare at very affordable rate. " Doctors must work as a bridge between Government and people to make this a reality".

Dr. Sudhakar offered a big salute to those who died due to Corona while treating patients and termed them as 'martyrs'. Doctors must also take care of their health as they serve others, he added.

JawaidAkhtar, Additional Chief Secretary (Health), K.V. Trilok Chandra, Commissioner, Health and Family Welfare and other senior officers were present.

Minister preaches Pancha Sutras for new Docs

Dr. Sudhakar preached Pancha Sutras to doctors on board. They are: **1. Patient-centric:** There is a need to make Government Hospitals more patient-centric.

2. Punctuality: Common complaint is that Government doctors are very casual about their duty hours. We need to change this mindset and work like private sector.

3. Quality of treatment: Government hospitals have top quality medical infrastructure, yet rich go to private hospitals. We need to change this trend.

4. Upkeep of Hospitals: Though most of the Government Hospitals have big campuses in prime locations in the cities and towns, their upkeep is rather poor.

5. Honesty and commitment: Many Government doctors work in private clinics and hospitals. They must dedicate service to Government facilities.

Pfizer's COVID vaccine approved for minors aged 12-15 in Japan

Tokyo, June 4 (UNI)- The Japanese Government approved Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine for ages 12 to 15, the media reported.

According to a Japanese news agency, this newly approved age group will not be getting the vaccine instantly as the country is still vaccinating medical staff and senior citizens.

Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga has promised to speed up the effort and ensure complete vaccination of the elderly before the commencement of the Tokyo Olympics in July.

In a parallel development, Japan has approved the storage guidelines for the Pfizer vaccine that will allow for month-long storage at 2-8 degrees Celsius after removal from the freezer, instead of five days.

The US pharmaceutical company had advised that 12 to 15 year olds be made eligible after a successful clinical trial including 2,260 children revealed a 100% efficacy rate, with none developing any symptom except for 18 who were given a placebo.

Earlier in the month, the United States and the European Union approved this vaccine for use within this age group.

Retired Principal feted

Dr. M.K. Mahendra, who retired as the Principal of Mysuru Regional Health and Family Welfare Department Training Centre, was felicitated by the officials and staff recently. Picture shows Divisional Associate Director Dr. Prasad, District Surgeon Dr. Rajeshwari, District Health Officer Dr. T. Amarnath, Deputy Director Dr. Ramachandra, Principal Dr. C. Suvarna, Reproductive and Child Health Officer Dr. L. Ravi, MLCD Dr. S. Asha, DTO Dr. Ravi, Medical Officer Dr. Panduvijayan and others with Dr. Mahendra.

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0821 - 2957811
0821 - 2957711

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94498 - 41195
94498 - 41196
0821 - 2418800

Telecare
2420112/113
0821 - 2330803
0821 - 2331803

MANDYA
08232 - 224248

District War Room
08232 - 229393

Maddur Taluk
08232 - 232010

Malavalli Taluk
08231 - 242277

Srirangapatna Taluk
08236 - 252029

Pandavapura Taluk
08236 - 255128

Nagamangala Taluk
08234 - 285045

K.R. Pet Taluk
08230 - 262227

KODAGU

COVID Hospital
08272 - 220606

District Helpline
08272 - 221077

Madikeri
08272 - 228396

Virajpet / Ponnampet
08274 - 256328

Somarpet
08276 - 282045

CH'NAGAR
95386-74839
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Kollegal Taluk
08224 - 252046

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08229 - 222225

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08226 - 240029

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Lockdown extended till June 14

CM announces Rs.500 crore second package

B.S. Yediyurappa

- Rs. 3,000 each to weavers
- Rs. 3,000 each to registered TV and Film workers
- Rs. 3,000 each to registered fishermen
- Rs. 3,000 each for ASHA workers
- Rs. 5,000 each for unaided school teachers
- Rs. 5 crore for Teachers Welfare Fund

Bengaluru, June 4 (KMS&DM)- Ending days of suspense over continuation of COVID-induced lockdown, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa on Thursday declared extension of the lockdown till June 14 with no relaxations.

The CM also announced a second relief package worth Rs. 500 crore to soothe the impact of the lockdown underway. The second package comes 15 days after the Government had announced a package of Rs. 1,250 crore on May 19.

Following a sudden surge in COVID cases, Karnataka went into a 'close down' from Apr. 27 which was followed by a complete lockdown from May 10 till May 24, which was extended further by two weeks till June 7.

Addressing a press meet here yesterday, Yediyurappa maintained that the number of cases had started declining owing to the lockdown. But the lockdown, which was to end on June 7, has been extended for another week (till June 14) because of rising cases in rural areas.

He pointed out that the Government will announce further relief if positivity rate, which is currently at 12.20 percent in the State, comes down to 5 percent.

Stating that all existing lockdown restrictions would be enforced till June14, the CM said that the extension of the lockdown is based on the State's COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee, which said that the lockdown may be lifted if the positivity rate comes below 5 percent and the daily number of cases below 5,000. Though fresh infections are coming down significantly, the transmission chain has not been broken in many places, he added.

Giving details of the Rs. 500 crore relief package, Yediyurappa said that the package would largely cover unorganised sectors.

Rs. 3,000 each would be given to powerloom weavers, with a maximum of two workers per loom (Rs.35 crore). This will benefit 59,000 powerlooms.

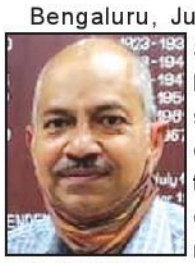
Similarly, unorganized workers of the Film and Television industry would get Rs. 3,000 each. This will benefit 22,000 registered workers (Rs. 6.6 crore).

A total of 18,746 registered fishermen and 7,668 inland boat owners would get compensation of Rs. 3,000 each (Rs.7.9 crore). Priests and staff members of 'C' grade Muzrai temples and Imams in Mosques would get Rs.3,000 each (Rs. 10.83 crore). A total of 42,574 ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activists) workers would get Rs. 3,000 each,while a total of 64,423 Anganwadi workers and helpers would get Rs. 2,000 each (Rs.37.45 crore).

Following demand from unaided school teachers, it has been decided to give Rs. 5,000 to each teacher, which costs the Government Rs. 100 crore. Coming to the aid of the legal fraternity, the CM announced that Rs. 5 crore will be given for the Advocates Welfare Fund. In a sop to the industrial sector, the Government waived fixed electricity charge for MSMEs (Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) for May and June (Rs. 120.26 crore) and also extended power bill payment for other industrial users till July 30. The waiver will benefit about 3 lakh MSME industries.

Yediyurappa further said that owing to excess stock of milk due to increased procurement from farmers, the production of milk powder has increased. The Government has decided to give 500gms of milk powder to each school going child, along with food grains in June and July, the CM added.

COVID crisis: Industry bodies seek waiver of tariff, taxes



P. Ravikumar

Bengaluru, June 4 (KMS&SSV)- In the backdrop of second wave of COVID-19, the State Government held a meeting with industry leaders and office-bearers from leading industry bodies to discuss issues concerning business impact due to COVID lockdown here on Wednesday. The meeting was chaired by Chief Secretary P. Ravikumar.

The meeting touched upon issues impacting their businesses due to COVID lockdown, suggestions for solutions and relief from the Government and measures for restarting the economy post the lockdown.

"We had reached the peak of the COVID-19 second wave in May and had taken strict measures. To bring the current wave under control, the Government had to resort to stringent measures and impose a lockdown. However, we have now reached a stage and can resume industries operations in a staggered phase. Now is the time to move forward and re-open the economy," Ravikumar said during the virtual meeting.

Many issues raised by the industry bodies were reasonable. Few were financial and non-financial and the Government would take a look into these demands. Decision on the re-opening of essential and non-essential industries would be taken soon, he added.

He also thanked the industry bodies and association that helped the Government fight the second wave for the last 45 days. Every industry has helped by distributing food, supplying oxygen, essentials, medicines and surgical equipment.

On possible third wave, the Chief Secretary said that the Government was working round-the-clock and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) would be in place to handle the pandemic.

The COVID second wave, which has seen a decline in the revenues across sectors, now poses an existential crisis for many businesses, impacting their viability for the next 6-12 months with the shortage of capital flow as the main challenge. A decline in economic activities during lockdowns has threatened business continuity for many small businesses, making MSMEs one of the worst-hit sectors.

Important suggestions made by industry bodies are:

1. Consider MSME workers as frontline workers and get them vaccinated.

2. A waiver of the monthly excise licence fee for the next six months. The fee is Rs. 75,000 per month.

3. Waiver of BESCom bills and fixed charges for the lockdown period.

4. Ensure resuming of industries to smoothen the supply chain with other key industrial areas such as NCR, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu.

5. Consider MGNREGA for urban poor.

6. Stress on creation of jobs and boost consumption.

Dr. Rajkumar Khatri, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Industries and Commerce, Gunjan Krishna, Commissioner for Industrial Development and Director, Department of Industries & Commerce, Prashanth Prakash, Advisor (Policy & Strategy) to the Chief Minister, Industrialist T.V. Mohandas Pai, Ullas Kamath, Chairman, FICCI Karnataka State Council, Perikal M. Sundar, President, FKCCI, I.S. Prasad, FKCCI, President-Elect, K.B. Arsappa, President, KASSIA, M.P. Shyam, President, Automobile Association, P.C. Rao, President, Hotel Owners Association, C. Prakash, President, Peenya Industries Association, Prahlad representing IT sector, B.V. Naidu from ASSOCHAM, Shyam Raj of Tourism Industry, Ananda, President, Textile Industry, Govindraj of Real Estate Industry, attended the virtual meeting chaired by the Chief Secretary.

Rohini must be transferred: S.A. Ramdas

Mysuru, June 4 (PM, MTY &SSV)- Legislators, leaders of other political parties and Chairmen of various Boards and Corporations have extended their full support for Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Shilpa Nag, who has decided to quit the post alleging 'harassment' from Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri.

They have urged the State and Union Governments not to accept Shilpa's resignation at any cost.

Krishnaraja MLA S.A. Ramdas has written a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi requesting him to direct the State Government against accepting her resignation since she has been striving hard to control COVID pandemic in city. After assuming the Office in March, the Commissioner started novel programmes like COVID Mitra, Telecare, house-to-house health survey, Ward-wise Task Force that helped in arresting the spread of virus in city. According to media reports, she has alleged harassment by the DC and latter's interference in COVID management in city.

Rohini was known for her 'rough' behaviour and had insulted officers, elected representatives and doctors in public. While rejecting Shilpa's resignation, Rohini must be transferred immediately for the smooth COVID management in Mysuru.

No control: Tanveer Sait

Narasimharaja MLA Tanveer Sait said the current situation in the district was akin to 'no holds barred' with absolute anarchy. This kind of development was unwarranted at a time when the COVID crisis was still gripping the district and every one must work within their limits. At the same time, it was not correct on the part of the DC that all the CSR funds must come to her.

The DC has instructed the MCC to manage and maintain all the Hospitals but from where the funds should come from. Any differences of opinion should have been sorted out within the four walls without fighting in public.

"According to me, the MCC must manage crematoria, burial grounds, house-to-house survey, management of Ward Task Force, COVID Mitra Counselling and Triage Centres. It was high time Co-operation and District Minister S.T. Somashekar must take a tough stand and control the District Administration.

People-friendly Officer: H.V. Rajeev

Mysuru Urban Development Authority Chairman H.V. Rajeev has appealed to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa not to accept Shilpa's resignation as it would send a wrong signal to honest and dedicated Government servants. She mingles with everyone and responds to emergency situations within no time.

Within three months, Shilpa has taken several measures that had helped in addressing problems of public due to COVID. It was very difficult to get officers like her and her resignation will be a big loss to city. She must reconsider her decision and continue her work towards controlling COVID, he added.

Vasu writes to CM, CS

Meanwhile, former Chamaraja MLA Vasu has written to Chief Minister B.S.Yediyurappa and Chief Secretary P. Ravikumar not to accept Shilpa's resignation as the city was in need of her services. The District Administration was on the verge of collapse with the clash of egos among senior officials.

During the first stint as MCC Commissioner, Shilpa concentrated on hygiene and cleanliness of city which helped Mysuru to bag the title as 'clean city' in the country. She has been working day and night to control Corona in Mysuru. Though he does not know much about Shilpa, but people who come to meet him daily have a lot of appreciation for the incumbent Corporation Commissioner.

However, there seems to be lack of coordination among the Deputy Commissioner and the MCC Commissioner, both IAS, and it came to fore while they held press conferences separately. Need of the hour was to take some urgent steps in the interest of checking the pandemic in the City and the District, he added.

Clash of Commissioners

All are under pressure now: DC

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Harassment untrue

"It is untrue that there was any harassment from me and none has been mentioned even in the statement issued by Shilpa Nag. In fact, of late Shilpa Nag had stopped attending COVID-19 reviews. The Mysuru City Corporation was submitting unsigned and contradictory Ward-wise COVID-19 figures on new cases, deaths and active cases. I had ordered that same be rectified," the DC clarified.

"How can these measures be construed as harassment? None of this constitutes harassment by any stretch of imagination," the DC said.

Only asked for accounts but no reply

"The MCC Commissioner was made in-charge of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds coming from private industries for the entire district but it was brought to my notice that whole of CSR funds were being used by the MCC. The Deputy Commissioner is overall responsible for CSR funds. In this regard, I only asked her to furnish details of the accounts till June 1 and I have not received any reply till now... to give almost nothing to taluks and rural areas is unfair and wrong," Rohini Sindhuri clarified, releasing the copies of the notices issued by her to the MCC Commissioner.

Rohini accused Shilpa Nag of failing to set up COVID Care Centres. "I have ordered that Government COVID Care Centres be opened in Mysuru City which had failed to open a single CCC until recently (taluks and rural areas have opened 18 CCCs in the last 20 days). In the circumstances I have personally gone and opened 3 CCCs in the city recently," the DC said.

Shilpa Nag submits resignation

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The administration's chinks in the armour were there for everyone to see as allegations and counter-allegations unfolded in full public view at the emergency press conference that was actually called to inform about the contagion management.

18-page hand-written resignation

Displaying the 18-page hand-written resignation letter, Shilpa Nag said that she was resigning in protest against the harassment meted out to her and her staff at MCC in the hands of the DC. For the record, Sindhuri is a 2009 batch IAS Officer while Shilpa Nag belongs to the 2014 batch. The coordination and camaraderie between the District Administration and the MCC has hit nadir and hence the resignation.

"I kindly request you to accept the resignation and relieve me from moral dilemma, pain and sorrow," Shilpa stated in the letter. The resignation comes at a time when the DC is at loggerheads with elected representatives including K.R. Nagar MLA S.R. Mahesh and Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, who have gone to the media levelling charges against Rohini Sindhuri on various fronts including the actual death and positivity rate, rural visits and the construction of swimming pool and a gym at DC's residence, a heritage building.

Harassment & humiliation

"There is harassment and humiliation by the DC. I have no mental peace, no proper sleep and food for the past one week. I have had enough. I have taken the decision with utmost sorrow. One should not put the district or city at stake for one's pride. The DC has been humiliating MCC staff and has threatened to suspend them," Shilpa Nag said.

A visibly upset IAS Officer Shilpa Nag vented her ire against Rohini Sindhuri and said, "I am being targeted and being portrayed as a failure and doing nothing in the fight against the pandemic. There has been a lack of cooperation from the District Administration. There has been a separate criterion for the areas coming under MCC limits and rural areas."

Turning emotional and trying hard to prevent tears, Shilpa Nag said, "There is a limit for one's patience and nobody can stop when it bursts. I am under severe mental pressure for the last one week. I am proud of the people of Mysuru and I am deeply pained as I am being targeted in the name of caste. The DC is egoistic and no district should see a DC like her (Rohini Sindhuri)."

CSR fund utilisation

"The DC has ordered me not to obtain Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds. An Assistant Environment Engineer in the MCC took the initiative to raise funds under CSR and over Rs. 12.3 crore has been collected so far and with that funds, the MCC is managing the pandemic including the setting up of COVID Mitra and other campaigns that are mainly focussed on all the 65 Wards. But the DC has targeted Assistant Environment Engineer (AEE) and is preparing a file to suspend him. Rohini Sindhuri even summoned the AEE to her office and insulted him. Sadly when the AEE's brother-in-law died, he took only three hours' leave and was back to work," Shilpa Nag said.

Map of contention

The actual flashpoint came after Rohini Sindhuri released a ward-wise map of MCC affected by the pandemic. As per the map dated June 1, most of the 65 Wards of the MCC were marked red but a day before that, on May 31, Shilpa Nag had released a map that showed a majority of wards in green with only two Wards in red.

Holding the map in her hand, Shilpa Nag said, "As of May 31, only two Wards of the MCC were under the red zone. But according to the DC's report on Wednesday, a majority of the Wards are shown under red zone. The DC, as the head of the District, is trying to create a fearful atmosphere. The DC is portraying that the MCC has not done anything though we have taken up several initiatives. We have launched several initiatives that attracted the attention of national media including the Telecare facility. We are being targeted as soon as the limelight was on the MCC. The DC wants to claim credit for the initiatives."

Not only this, the DC is constantly calling the higher-ups in the Government including the Urban Development Department and has been complaining to them that no work is being done in the MCC, Shilpa Nag claimed. "She is intentionally creating a bad atmosphere without knowing the ground reality. There is no conducive environment to work in Mysuru though the DC is not my reporting officer," Shilpa said.

"If the DC has any personal grudge against me let her take it out on me but why target the officials who are all working non-stop to combat the pandemic since the second wave started The atmosphere in Mysuru was too stifling to function anymore," the Officer alleged.

Echo of MCC Commissioner's resignation

MCC office turns into a mass protest venue

Mysuru, June 4 (MTY&BCT)- What next without the captain? This was the question in the minds of protesting Corporators, Pourakarmikas, UGD workers and office staff of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) who stuck work this morning in protest against the resignation of their Commissioner Shilpa Nag.

Shilpa Nag

All the COVID work and the routine office administration work came to a grinding halt at the MCC as four protests — by Corporators, Pourakarmikas, UGD workers and office staff — were organised at the MCC office on Sayyaji Rao Road. Only the morning cleaning work was done and rest of the work was suspended. A banner saying — **I Stand with our Commissioner** has been tied to the poles of the portico of MCC main building.

Assembling inside the MCC, all Corporators and former Mayors vouched support for Shilpa Nag and urged the Government not to accept the resignation. They set aside their party affiliations and criticised Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri for adopting a step-motherly attitude towards Mysuru city. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Mayor Anwar Baig, who is the acting Mayor now.

Holding placards, Corporators and MCC staff staging a protest in front of MCC this morning.

"We are with the Commissioner is the message that we want to send to the Government. Shilpa Nag has done exemplary work ever since she took charge and she has taken all Corporators into confidence," Baig said.

Seconding him were former Mayors Ayub Khan, Arif Hussain and many Corporators. "We are without a captain now. Be it COVID work, COVID Mitra, Telecare facility, Ward-wise Task Forces, door-to-door survey, we are achieving good results and all credits must go to the MCC Commissioners. Unlike other Commissioners who had adopted a partisan attitude, Shilpa Nag has taken us all together and is leading the fight," they said.

The entire MCC machinery is involved in door-to-door delivery of medicines, all kinds of surveys and usage of funds. "The Government must not accept the Commissioner's resignation and instead transfer the DC for harassing Shilpa," they demanded. Corporators B.V. Manjunath, Shivakumar, S.B.M. Manju and several others spoke in support of Shilpa Nag.

On their part, Pourakarmikas and UGD workers expressed solidarity with Shilpa Nag for providing services like free breakfast, free bus service for pickup and drop for work, Rs. 5 lakh relief announced for next of kin of Pourakarmikas who fall victims to the virus, health check-up and other facilities including vaccination drives. "Mysuru will not achieve anything unless you lead us," they said, holding placards and posters.

Issue gone beyond my jurisdiction: Dist. Minister

Meanwhile, Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar refused to comment in detail about the discord between the DC and the MCC Commissioner. "Chief Secretary Ravikumar is coming to Mysuru today and the issue has been brought to the notice of the Chief Minister. My only focus is to make Mysuru COVID-free as after Bengaluru, Mysuru has the highest number of cases. Moreover the issue between the two officers has gone beyond my jurisdiction," he said.

"I am hurt by these developments and I will not go against the people of Mysuru and I honour their sentiments. We are all doing honest work amidst pandemic and such developments must not harm the overall COVID work," Somashekar said after garlanding Nalwadi statue.

Chief Secretary holds COVID meeting

State Chief Secretary P. Ravikumar, who arrived in Mysuru today, is holding a progress review meeting on COVID control with all district-level officers at Administrative Training Institute on Lalitha Mahal Road. Deputy Commissioner, City Police Commissioner, Superintendent of Police, Zilla Panchayat CEO, MCC Commissioner, District Health Officer, Dean and Director of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute, District Surgeon, Nodal officers of vaccination, oxygen supply, RT-PCR tests, bed management, District Drugs Controller and Health Surveillance Officer have been asked to attend the meeting, according to a notification issued by Regional Commissioner of Mysuru Dr. G. C. Prakash.

Resignation sparks off social media debate

Many netizens support MCC Commissioner, DC's moves too hailed as nothing wrong

Mysuru, June 4 (BCT)- As the resignation news of MCC Commissioner broke in the media, support poured in for the officer. Soon after she got out of the Nalwadi Krishnaraja Hall of the Mysuru City Corporation where she held an emergency press conference to announce her resignation, a security guard fell to her feet urging her not to leave.

This emotional moment came as Shilpa Nag headed towards her official car. "Madam, please don't go. You are doing a wonderful job for Mysuru city," the guard pleaded. Shilpa, however, discouraged the guard from falling onto her feet by holding his hand. As she sat in the vehicle, many officers pleaded with her not to leave the post. Shilpa Nag just folded her hands in reply.

Deputy Mayor Anwar Baig who is the acting Mayor now said that officers like Shilpa Nag are the need of the hour to fight the COVID pandemic. "We will not allow the acceptance of her resignation and the MCC is entirely with her," he added. At a meeting of all Corporators it was decided to urge the Government not to accept Shilpa Nag's resignation and also to transfer the DC with immediate effect.

Other Corporators too staged individual flash protests yesterday against Shilpa Nag's resignation. Holding placards, Ward 28 Corporator Dr. Ashwini Sharath expressed her solidarity with the Commissioner while Corporator Lokesh Piya protested demanding the immediate transfer of DC Rohini Sindhuri for 'harassing' the MCC Commissioner.

Netizens also took to social media and expressed support to Shilpa Nag. Designing various posters — especially the one where Shilpa Nag is consoling the mother of a COVID victim MCC worker — the netizens said "We are with you, Shilpa Nag. Several commentators said with officers like Shilpa Nag, Mysuru city is slowly freeing itself from the COVID disease.

People also went ahead comparing the two IAS officers — DC and MCC Commissioner — and wrote comments in favour of each other. In fact, this sparked a virtual debate on who is better and how certain actions amount to harassment and certain actions do not. Several of them started an online campaign with hash tag #BringBackShilpaNag.

They said that as a DC, Rohini Sindhuri's actions were fair as she will be held responsible if anything goes wrong in Mysuru. Many of them commented that the six crore population of Kannadigas were with the DC as her sole aim is to make Mysuru free of the contagion. "Sindhuri is an upright officer and she has an impeccable track record," said a comment.

Many net-savvy residents also said that Shilpa Nag is an officer with a compassionate attitude and appealed her to withdraw her resignation. In some WhatsApp Groups where Shilpa Nag is a member in her capacity of MCC Commissioner, people addressed her directly and appealed her to reconsider her drastic decision.

While advocate Paduvarahalli Ramakrishna took objection to the discord between the DC and the MCC Commissioner during the peak of pandemic and demanded the Government to take action on both the officers, Corporator Pailwan Srinivas demanded that Shilpa Nag must get back to good work as earlier, forgetting the resignation thoughts.

Likewise, the resignation evoked response from elected representatives MLAs G.T. Devegowda, L. Nagendra, MLC Sandesh Nagaraj and Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Chairman H.V. Rajeev who unequivocally asked Shilpa Nag to reconsider her decision and work towards making Mysuru a COVID-free city.

Floral tributes offered to Nalwadi

Mysuru, June 4 (MTY&DM)- Garlanding of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar statue at K.R. Circle and offering of floral tributes, marked the 137th birth anniversary celebration of the erstwhile ruler of Mysuru in city this morning. The celebration was simple and symbolic in nature in the backdrop of COVID induced lockdown.

District Minister S.T. Somashekar, who spoke after taking part in celebration, organised under the joint aegis of the District Administration, MCC and Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Jayantotsava Samithi, said that Nalwadi was one of the most outstanding rulers of Mysuru, who had a far sighted vision for the city and the State.

Recalling the services of Nalwadi for comprehensive and sustainable development of the State, Somashekar said that during last year's celebration, a committee headed by the then Mysuru DC Abhiram G. Sankar was formed to identify personalities from different fields for honouring, following which the committee has come up with 12 achievers, who will be felicitated after the current COVID crisis gets over, he added.

Noting that the name of Nalwadi will always be etched in the minds of the people, he said that Nalwadi's contributions will be remembered for generations to come and the youth of the present generation should follow his ideals and goals.

MP Pratap Simha, MLAs S.A. Ramdas, L. Nagendra and B. Harshavardhan, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, JLR Chairman M. Appanna, ZAK Chairman L.R. Mahadevaswamy, Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri, ZP CEO A.M. Yogesh, Kannada and Culture Department Assistant Director H. Channappa and other officials were present.

The Congress party too paid floral tributes to the statue and portrait of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar at K.R. Circle. Party leaders who spoke on the occasion, recalled the services of the erstwhile Mysuru ruler.

Former MP R. Dhruvanarayan, former MLAs Vasu, M.K. Somashekar and A.R. Krishnamurthy, former Mayor Purushotham, KPCC State Women's Wing President Dr. Pushpa Amarnath, District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, leaders Prakash and others were present.

Floral tributes were also offered by MCC Pourakarmikas Association, Karnataka Rajya Hindulida Vargagala Jagrutha Vedike and other organisations.

'Vaidyara Nade-Halliya Kade'

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From today, these teams will carry on their work of conducting Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) on all asymptomatic and symptomatic patients in all taluks for the next seven days.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said this programme had been launched Statewide in order to check the spread of COVID in rural areas. Of late, number of Coronavirus positive cases from rural areas has surpassed the cases in city. Taking serious note of the same, the State Government headed by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, has decided to take up this campaign seriously to flush out the virus from taluks and hoblis. In Mysuru district, five teams each will be sent to all eight taluks which will visit villages that were having more number of infected patients and conduct RAT on them. In case they test positive, depending upon health condition, patients will be sent to Hospitals or Covid Care Centres. The final year MBBS students from Mysore Medical College and Research Institute have been roped in to this programme. Identification of symptomatic or asymptomatic patients was not difficult as ASHA workers during house-to-house survey have recorded the names of such patients along with details. With that list, it will be easy for the teams to conduct the necessary COVID test.

Somashekar said while the COVID positive cases were declining in city, it was increasing in taluks which was a matter of concern. In view of this, it had been decided to take up RAT extensively in rural areas in order to check the positivity and mortality rate.

MP Pratap Simha, MLAs G.T. Devegowda and Tanveer Sait, Karnataka Exhibition Authority Chairman Hemanth Kumar Gowda, Jungles Lodges and Resorts Chairman Appanna, DC Rohini Sindhuri, ZP CEO A.M. Yogesh, Tahsildar Rakshith and others were present.

II PUC exam cancelled

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Pointing out that the decision to scrap second PUC exam was taken after receiving feedback from all stakeholders as some wanted the exam while others did not want, he said that the SSLC exam to take place in third week of July, would have two papers — one on language and the other on Science, Maths and Social Sciences with multiple-choice questions format.

Maintaining that the SSLC Board will announce the exam dates 20 days before the exam, Suresh Kumar said that any student found COVID positive and unable to write the exam, will be given another chance as a fresher only.

Noting that in all, about 6,000 centres have been marked to conduct SSLC exam in the State, he said that only one student will be allotted for a desk and wearing of face mask is mandatory. He also clarified that if the COVID third wave strikes in the middle of SSLC exam, then the Government will immediately take an appropriate decision.

Coming back to second PUC, the Minister said that all students will be promoted and would be graded based on the basis of First PU exam results. The guidelines and format on grade and other details will be issued by the PU Board soon, he added.

The Karnataka Government had announced the dates of 2nd PUC and SSLC exams in Mar-April, but was postponed twice, due to the surge in COVID .

It may be mentioned here that PM Modi while announcing the decision to cancel CBSE and ICSE Class 12 exams earlier this week, had asked the State Governments to be sympathetic towards students in the wake of COVID crisis, following which many States decided to cancel Class 12 Board exams.

DC sent Cops to take away donated kits from MCC Storeroom, alleges Shilpa Nag

Mysuru, June 4 (MK&SSV)- Pouring out woes, MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag claimed that Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri had sent Police to break open the MCC storeroom to take into possession medical kits donated for COVID patients.

Addressing a news conference here yesterday, she said Raghulal Company had donated 3,000 medical kits to be distributed among home isolated patients through Ward Task Force Committees. They were kept in the Corporation storeroom. Suddenly, the DC had sent the Police to the Corporation to break open the lock of storeroom to take away the medical kit questioning collection of donation.

The DC had contended that the permission of District Administration must be obtained before accepting donation and MCC cannot accept it. By saying this, the DC has not only insulted the MCC but also downed the morale of MCC employees.

Target

Shilpa claimed that she became the personal target of the DC after the media highlighted the good works done as part of COVID management. The second division level officers of MCC were invited for the meetings daily and insulted. "I was fed up with her attitude. But I kept quiet as her any action must not inconvenience the city and create fresh problems. Never in my life I have suffered so much insult. Despite doing so many good things, Rohini seems to have waged a war against the MCC and trying to create impression that the Corporation is doing nothing. The DC took the credit for starting the concept of 'COVID Mitra' during a live interactive session with Prime Minister Modi recently. In fact, it was the concept evolved by the MCC. Some of the programmes launched by the MCC to check the spread of COVID had hogged limelight in national media. Unable to tolerate this, Rohini resorted to personal attacks on me."

The Commissioner said the MCC was working on three stages to contain the contagion. Identifying and testing of primary and secondary contacts of Corona positive patients has been going on. For this purpose, a Telecare Centre has been established in which 31 local doctors and 41 doctors from United Kingdom were actively counselling patients. The MCC is blamed for any shortfalls in the functioning of District War Room, she alleged.

List of achievements

Releasing documents about the works done by MCC as part of COVID management, Shilpa said the MCC was maintaining 9 COVID Care Centres, arranged 525 beds at Mandakalli KSOU, 35 beds in Panchakarma Hi-Tech Hospital, 150 beds in Beedi Workers Hospital, 100 beds in Farooquia, 51 beds in Students Hostel, 57 beds in Boys Hostel, 80 beds in Post-Matric Boys Hostel, 60 beds in Government Naturopathy Hospital and 64 beds in Youth Hostel building. In total, 1,500 beds were being managed by the MCC.

She said in the wake of shortage of doctors and nurses, both MCC and MUDA had appointed 31 doctors and 33 nurses for the management of COVID Mitra and CCCs. The salary of these medical staff was divided by both Government agencies. The MCC was using its own funds and CSR money for the management of five COVID Mitras and nine CCCs. The CSR fund collection was managed by Assistant Executive Engineer. In last 20 days, Rs. 12.3 crore has been collected but everything was taken away by the DC. The suspension notice has been served on AEE and the DC has issued instructions not to collect and utilise CSR funds. This DC's order was illegal, Shilpa said.

Swimming pool construction

at DC's house: RC directed to probe

Mysuru, June 4 (SSV)- K.N. Murthy, Deputy Secretary, Revenue Department, has asked Regional Commissioner (RC) of Mysuru to conduct an inquiry into the alleged construction of a swimming pool and the gymnasium built in the premises of the official residence of Deputy Commissioner and to send a report within a week.

Recently, K.R. Nagar MLA S.R. Mahesh and other Janata Dal (Secular) leaders had accused incumbent Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri of constructing a swimming pool and a gymnasium at her official residence at a cost of Rs.50 lakh. The MLA had claimed that no construction must be taken up in the DC's bungalow premises since it has been declared as a heritage building and permission of the Committee concerned must be obtained before doing any work. However, it has been 'flouted' by DC Rohini.

Following complaints from MLA Mahesh, Regional Commissioner must conduct an inquiry and submit report within seven days, said a letter dated May 31, 2021 by Revenue Department Deputy Secretary to the Mysuru RC.

Another leopard found dead in H.D. Kote

Twelve leopards dead in 10 days, claims environmentalist

Mysuru, June 4 (MTY&KS)- The death of another leopard at an agriculture land in Naganahalli of H.D. Kote taluk in the district yesterday, is now a matter of concern, following serial deaths of leopards. This has left several wildlife lovers shocked.

While, the Forest Department officials were busy in conducting the post-mortem of a leopardess and a cub, which were found dead in an agricultural field at Kadabur in Nanjangud taluk yesterday, the officials received information of a carcass of a male leopard found at a field in Naganahalli in H.D. Kote taluk.

Forest officials inspecting the carcass of the leopard at H.D. Kote.

Soon, the Forest officials dashed to H.D. Kote and inspected the carcass of leopard aged about six years and did not find any wounds on the body. They have suspected that the leopard may have been poisoned or electrocuted. Later, the veterinarian conducted post-mortem and the carcass was cremated in front of higher officials.

Viscera of three dead animals sent to lab

After conducting post-mortem of the three leopards (two in Nanjangud and one in H.D. Kote), viscera of these felines were collected and the samples have been sent to Institute of Animal Health & Veterinary Biologicals (IAHVB) in Bengaluru and Forensic Science Laboratory in city to ascertain the exact cause of the deaths.

12 leopards dead in 10 days

Meanwhile, M.S. Gururaj Shetty, an environmentalist, residing at Devaraja Mohalla in city, claimed that 10 leopards had died in 12 days in the district.

Pointing out that though the Forest Department had taken various measures to prevent man-animal conflicts in forest borders, yet serial deaths of leopards were taking place. The deaths of leopards in Belavadi should be taken seriously by the Forest Department, he said and added that failure in tracing, nabbing and punishing the accused responsible for the deaths of wild animals was resulting in the deaths of leopards now.

He urged the Forest Department to respond immediately to the grievances of villagers whose livestock were killed by wild animals and take steps to provide adequate compensation at the earliest, which in turn would reduce their anger on wild animals. Also, steps should be taken to create awareness on conservation of leopards among the public, he added.

Deputy Conservator of Forests Dr. K.C. Prashanth Kumar said that five suspects have already been questioned in the Belavadi leopard deaths incident and it has been decided to conduct enquiry on three more suspects after receiving the lab reports.

All the three cases have been taken seriously and legal action would be initiated after receiving the report from the Forensic Science Laboratory, he said and urged the public to co-operate with the Forest Department in conserving wildlife. Killing a wild animal is a crime, he warned.

Veteran Kannada actress B. Jaya passes away

Bengaluru, June 4 - Veteran Kannada actress B. Jaya, passed away yesterday due to age-related ailments at a hospital in Bengaluru. She was 77.

B. Jaya

Born in 1944, she was a theatre artiste and entered the film industry with *Bhakta Prahalada* in 1958. In a career spanning over six decades, Jaya worked in over 350 movies, mostly in supporting roles. She shared screen space with most of the stars of the first generation of stars in Sandalwood that include Dr. Rajkumar, Kalyan Kumar, Uday Kumar, Dwarakish and Balakrishna. In the later years, she was seen in television serials too.

Jaya's last film was 'Amma I Love You' (2018). She recently attended a shooting in a yet to be released Kannada film. She bagged the best State-level award for supporting role in the film 'Gowdru' (2004-05).

Last rites will be performed at Chamarajpet here today.

Partial decomposed body of senior citizen found in canal; Murder suspected

Nanjangud/Malkundi, June 4 (KS)- The partial decomposed body of a senior citizen, who had gone missing has been found Rampura Canal near Bidaragudu in the taluk and the Police have suspected that the senior citizen may have been murdered.

Shivarajappa

The deceased is Shivarajappa (60), a resident of Gowdarahundi village in the taluk. Shivarajappa had gone missing about four days ago and a missing complaint was lodged at Hullahalli Police Station.

Superintendent of Police (SP) C.B. Ryshyanth, ASP Shivakumar, Dy.SP Govindaraju, Circle Inspector Lakshmikanth Talawar, Sub-Inspector Chandru visited the spot.

The Police conducted mahazar and shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary, where post-mortem was conducted and the body was handed over to the family members.

Deceased Shivarajappa's son Pavan Kumar has lodged a complaint with Hullahalli Police, who have taken two suspects into custody and are interrogating them.

Theft at Indian Medical Association Office

Association President, Secretary chase and nab one of the burglars

Mysuru, June 4 (RK&KS)- The President and Secretary of Indian Medical Association (IMA), Mysuru Branch, have nabbed one of the two burglars, who had committed theft at the Association Office yesterday and have handed over the burglar to the Police.

IMA President Dr. Anand Ravi and Secretary Dr. Chandraban Singh are the ones, who gave a chase and caught one of the two burglars in one of the crossroads of Mandi Mohalla.

Following lockdown, the IMA Office on Sayyaji Rao Road was locked and at about 3.45 pm yesterday, Dr. Anand Ravi was parking his car near the IMA Office, when he saw two youths carrying away audio visual equipment from the Office.

Dr. Anand, who immediately got down from his car, approached the youths, who began to run away with the stolen equipment. He (Dr. Anand) immediately called Dr. Chandraban Singh over the phone and asked him to come to the spot immediately.

Dr. Anand Ravi IMA President *Dr. Chandraban Singh IMA Secretary*

He then began to follow one of the youths.

The youth, who saw Dr. Anand following him, began to run inside crossroads to avoid being followed, but Dr. Chandraban Singh, who reached the spot, joined Dr. Anand and cornered the youth in one of the crossroads near Mandi Police Station and caught him.

Dr. Anand Ravi said that last week, miscreants had broken the lock of the IMA Office and had made away with 100 chairs, tables and UPS batteries. A complaint was lodged at Mandi Police Station in this regard, he added.

Though a new lock was put, burglars had again broke the lock and were stealing the remaining items from the IMA Office, following which we were able to chase one of the burglars and catch him, Dr. Anand added.

Mandi Inspector Narayanaswamy, who interrogated one of the burglars, has recovered the audio visual equipment from him. "We are collecting information from the nabbed burglar," the Inspector said.

Boy goes missing from city

Mysuru, June 4 (KS)- A 16-year-old boy, who left his house on May 27, has since gone missing.

Siddiq Pasha

The missing boy is Siddiq Pasha, a resident of Ghousianagar, according to the complaint lodged by his mother Asma Begum with Udayagiri Police.

Those having any information about the missing boy may contact Udayagiri Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418309 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Obituary

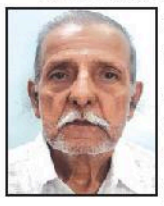
Srinivasmurthy

Mysuru, June 4 -Srinivasmurthy (72), retired BSNL employee and a resident of N.R. Mohalla, passed away this morning at a private hospital in city following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, one son and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage today.

Om Prakash Sharma

Om Prakash Sharma (82), a native of Mysuru, passed away at his daughter's residence at Metupalyam this morning.



He leaves behind his wife, two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Metupalyam today.

Vidushi Subbalakshmi Vishwanath

Vidushi Subbalakshmi Vishwanath (70), wife of M.K. Vishwanath, passed away yesterday evening at her residence in city. She was a vivid musician and had performed in various concerts rendering Karnatak music.

She leaves behind her husband, son Dr. Prashanth Vishwanath, daughter-in-law Dr. Akila Prashanth, daughter Anjali Vishwanath and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this morning.

Alhaj Mahaboob Pasha

Alhaj Mahaboob Pasha (57), a civil contractor and a resident of Rajivnagar 2nd Stage, passed away yesterday at a hospital in city. He leaves behind his wife, two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Namaz-e-Janaza and burial took place at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle yesterday.

Naveed Ahmed Khan

Naveed Ahmed Khan (Afsar Ahmed Khan), proprietor of Gulzar Enterprises and a resident of Kalyangiri, passed away on May 29 in city.

He leaves behind his mother, wife, one son and a host of relatives and friends. Namaz-e-Janaza and burial took place at Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle on May 29.

World Environment Day tomorrow

MUDA to form Committee to protect saplings

MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev addressing a press conference at MUDA Hall here yesterday as MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh looks on.

Mysuru, June 4 (RKB&SSV)- Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) will form a Committee to look after the saplings planted in city, said H.V. Rajeev, Chairman of MUDA.

Addressing a press conference at MUDA Hall here yesterday, he said the MUDA has plans to plant around 25,000 saplings of various species, fruit bearing, long standing and oxygen generating in parks, open spaces and other places on June 5, on the occasion of World Environment Day. This day will be celebrated in a novel way in association of Mysuru City Corporation, Forest Department, Hasiru Samsthe and District Administration at Hasiru Samsthe premises, near Devarayanakere, Nanjangud Road at 10 am.

The importance of life-saving oxygen has been understood now especially after the outbreak of Corona 1st and 2nd wave. A Committee will be formed for protection of the plants like watering, erecting tree guards and vigilance, he said.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, District Minister S.T.Somashekar and four legislators of city, S.A. Ramdas, L. Nagendra, Tanveer Sait and G.T. Devegowda will hand over the saplings to interested individuals and organisations.

He said Hasiru Samsthe (NGO) has grown 50,000 saplings at its nursery and the same will be distributed to only interested individuals or organisations. The MUDA has kept aside Rs. 80 lakh in its budget under the Urban Afforestation scheme and Rs.40 lakh to grow one lakh saplings in city parks, open spaces and other places.

Those interested to grow the plants can contact Vinaya, Horticulture Officer, MUDA (98802-22374) or Mahesh, Horticulture Officer, MCC (97400-12768) or Sheshaprasad of Hasiru Samsthe (93530-06616).

MUDA Committee will conduct surprise checks on the saplings grown by those persons, he added. MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh, Superintending Engineer Shankar and others were present.

High Court quashes GST on total betting amount of Race Clubs

Bengaluru, June 4- In a huge relief for Bangalore Turf Club and Mysore Race Club, the Karnataka High Court on Thursday quashed the Central Government's action of imposing GST (Goods and Services Tax) on total betting amount on a horse race.

The Bangalore Turf Club and Mysore Race Club had petitioned the High Court questioning the decision to impose GST on total betting amount through an order, which the Union Government had issued after making an amendment to the GST Act,2017 on Jan.25, 2018, by including Section 31a(3).

A single Judge Bench of the HC comprising Justice M. Nagaprasanna, which heard the petition, **observed that Race Clubs get only commission just as Stock Broking firms or Travel Agents get commission for their service. The GST can be imposed only on the accrued income earned from the commission and not on the entire betting amount.** As such, GST is applicable only for commission amount earned by the Race Clubs through organisation of horse racing activities and not for the total betting amount on horse races, the Court said, while quashing Section 31a (3) of GST Act, 2017, introduced by the Union Government and Section 31a of Karnataka Goods and Services Tax.

K'taka to explore legal options on trademark issue with Kerala

Bengaluru, June 4 (UNI) - The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has decided to explore all legal options and challenge the recent order of the Central Registrar of Trademarks in favour of Kerala Road Transport Corporation to exclusively use the acronym. In a statement here, Deputy Chief Minister Laxman Savadi, who is also Minister for Transport, said: "We have not received the order copy yet. We will discuss with our legal team and explore all possibilities once we receive it."

KSRTC officials said the transport body plans to take all possible steps to retain their rights over the acronym and are mulling to challenge the order. He said 'no question of fight with another State and without any conflict in a friendly relationship, the issue will be settled.' He said private companies will fight for the trademark which will reflect on their business and profit motives . However, KSRTC are State-owned organisations, here only service motive and not fight for the profit motives and more important is safeguard the public service only, he pointed out. Both Karnataka and Kerala have been locked in battle over trademark ownership in Registrar of Trademarks under the Controller General of Patents Designs and Trademarks.

BEML starts manufacturing Oxygen Generating Units

Bengaluru, June 4 (UNI) - Public Sector BEML has successfully started manufacturing 960 LPM Medical Oxygen Plants at its KGF complex in record time under a ToT agreement with Defence BioEngineering & ElectroMedical Laboratory (DEBEL), Bengaluru under DRDO.

The first set of Medical Oxygen Plant has been rolled out and is being delivered to Koppal Institute of Medical Sciences, Koppal. BEML has received orders for 100 numbers from DEBEL on May 21, under 'PM CARES' Fund and the same is expected to be supplied by end of July 2021.

In coordination with District-Level Medical Authorities, BEML is also establishing a 960 LPM Capacity Medical Oxygen Plant in one of the designated hospitals in Karnataka, under the CSR, according to a press release issued here on Thursday.

BEML is making dedicated efforts to extend all possible assistance to the Government bodies, Medical units and frontline workers apart from taking care of employees and their families in combating this pandemic. The Company contributed Rs. 50 lakh to DRDO towards opening of a 500-bedded Hospital for COVID patients.

To provide immediate medical attention, the Company has set up COVID Care Centres at its KGF and Bangalore Complexes. Fever Clinic has also been established for examining the suspected COVID cases at KGF Complex.

To boost the Government's effort in vaccination, BEML has conducted vaccination camps at BEML's KGF, Bangalore and Mysore Complexes through medical staffs in coordination with DHOs for the employees, their dependent family members, retired employees, contract workers and others. So far, total 3,174 employees, executives and contract workers have been vaccinated through this drive, which is more than 55 per percent of the staff in the age group of 45 years and above.

The vaccination for the employees of below 45 years of age also has been started. Moreover, to contain the spreading of the virus, BEML has also undertaken various preventive measures on war footing with prime focus on the health and safety of the employees.

Various initiatives such as distribution of food, medicines, masks, food provisions etc. and massive awareness campaigns are organised with the involvement of stakeholders and local authorities to demonstrate its commitment towards employees and local public. Even when faced with economic uncertainty as all the operations were completely stopped due to lockdown, the Company continued to engage all its manpower including the Contract workers without any reduction in salary/wages. All necessary medical support was extended to all employees and their dependent family members including contract workers.

BEML has tied up with major Hospitals including testing Labs across the country. Particularly, majority of high standard hospitals available in Bengaluru are recognised by the Company to provide critical medical care to its employees and dependents.

Rukmini Madegowda decides to petition SC

Mysuru, June 4 (RKB&DM)- More than a week after the Karnataka High Court annulled her election from MCC Ward 36 (Yaraganahalli & Ambedkar Colony), Rukmini Madegowda of the JD(S), who lost her Office as City Mayor on account of the Court verdict, has decided to move the Supreme Court seeking a stay on the HC order.

Rukmini

Rukmini told *Star of Mysore* that she had accepted the May 26 High Court verdict with honour. However, she would soon petition the Supreme Court seeking an urgent stay on the HC order with the MCC announcing a date (June 11) for fresh Mayoral election, she said.

COVID-19: Migrant labourers from Assam sent back

Madikeri, June 4 (UNI)- Migrant labourers from Assam, who had arrived to work in plantations in Kedakal in the district, were sent back to their native.

Officials said on Thursday that the labourers were stranded in Suntikoppa following the lockdown. The State Government had given permission for the labourers to leave for their native.

Accordingly, two jeeps were arranged to ferry them to the Railway Station after conducting their health check-up. The 16 labourers had booked their ticket to travel by train from Bengaluru.

WORD OF THE DAY

Altruism

Pronunciation: AL-troo-iz-um.
Meaning: Unselfish regard for or devotion to the welfare of others; behaviour by an animal that is not beneficial to or may be harmful to itself but that benefits others of its species.
Origin: Altruism refers to a quality possessed by people whose focus is on something other than themselves, and its root reveals the object of those generous tendencies. Altruism derives from the French word autrui, meaning "other people." Autrui, in turn, developed from the Old French term autre, which means "other" and which itself comes from Latin alter, also meaning "other." That Latin source eventually caused a curious thing to happen. Under the influence of alter, the French autrui gave rise to the altrui- of both the French altruisme and the English altruism. The English term has been in service since at least the mid-1800s.
Example: Julian's altruism is evident in the way he spends his time, including the ten hours per week that he spends volunteering at the homeless shelter.

THE ODD WORD

Abele

White poplar tree.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A change is as good as a rest

Meaning: A change is as good as a rest is a proverb that expresses, in a fairly straightforward literal way, the notion that a change from one's regular occupation is as restorative as a holiday.
Origin: 'A change is as good as a rest' is a product of the Victorian era. Many phrases from that time encourage the strengthening of moral fibre, effort and industry. This one is harder to understand the motive for as it is more of an observation than an exhortation. The idea expressed in the phrase is first found in the Christian Gleaner and Domestic Magazine, 1825: Change of work is as good as play. This isn't the source of the phrase as we now use it though. The currently used wording of the proverb is first found as the title of a poem that was widely published from 1857 onward. Here's the earliest example that I know of, from the English newspaper The Hampshire Advertiser, August 1857:

Ye votaries of sofas and beds
Ye sloths who exertion detest,
This maxim I wish to drive into your heads
A change is as good as a rest.
Ye children of Fashion and Wealth,
With countless indulgences blest,
Remember that indolence preyeth on health
A change is as good as a rest.

QUOTE BOX

It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light.

—Aristotle

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

DAMNPRAISE

Answer: Damn with faint praise.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Blinds crosspiece
5 A type of fish
8 He used to be emperor of Russia
12 Hardy variety of cabbage
13 Broken-egg dish
15 Innovatorily creative skill
17 Large ocean ray
18 "Smooth Operator" singer
19 Hindu Undivided family
21 Architectural style
24 Ultra High Frequency
27 Finish
30 Some Assembly Required
31 Assassinated Israeli Prime Minister
32 Jelly - "leg" anagram?
33 Exalting or glorifying; raising
35 Medic, briefly
36 Strong alloy
37 Domesticated canine
39 A kind of soft, ripe cheese
41 Mock attack
45 Vote with the other party (5,3,5)
49 Showed a film
50 Concerning, in legal terms (2,2)
51 Makes brown by exposure to ultraviolet rays
52 Actual Navigation Performance
53 Title for a titled lady?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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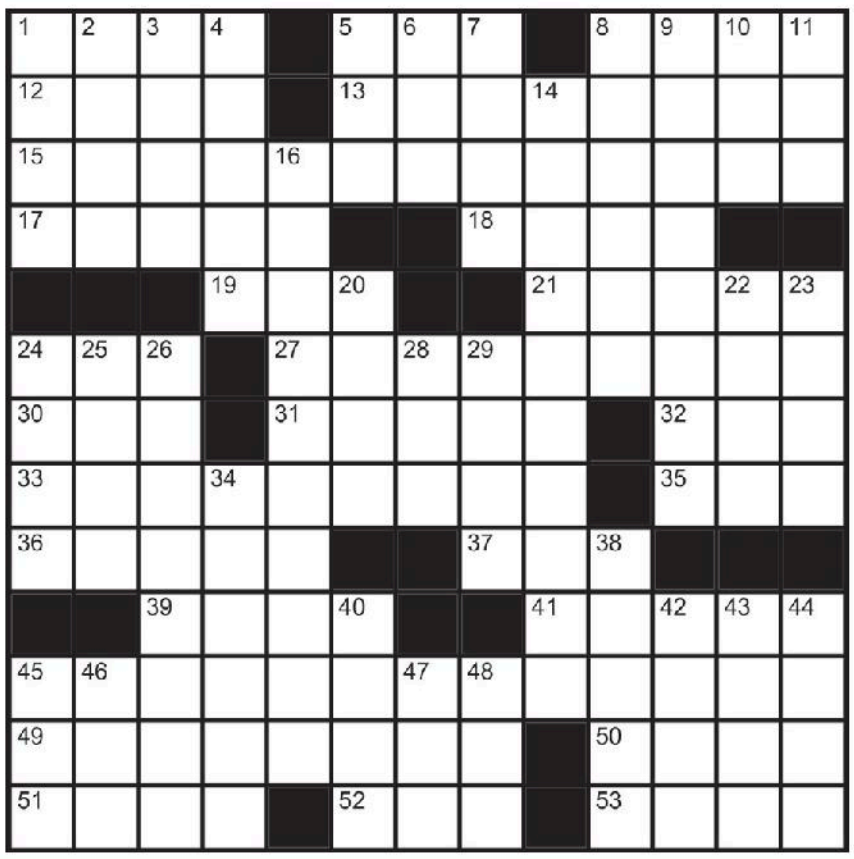
DOWN

1 Slaloms?
2 Long, thin and drooping
3 Thomas ___ Edison : the famous inventor?
4 Pearly whites
5 Received or earned
6 The French friend?
7 Increases the number of rotations per minute
8 Cord of strong tissue attaching muscle to bone etc.
9 Cheapest shipboard accommodation
10 Auxiliary Transport Service
11 A matter of legal importance in Latin
14 Beginning a departure (7,3)
16 Render ineffective; counteract
20 Great deed
22 Entry in an account
23 Man of Irish or Welsh origin
24 Employs
25 Bring to a stop
26 Not in bondage through birth
28 Rsrv. Bk. of India
29 Look after
34 Poets write them
38 Icy or cold - "glide" anagram?
40 Famous Sicilian volcano
42 Scottish island
43 Agatha Christie's novel (1,2,1)
44 Bark up a wrong ___
45 Mumbai's terminus
46 Record company ___ Victor
47 Egg-layer
48 Computer capability for short



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Answer to previous puzzle

3	8	9	5	1	7	6	4	2
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5	4	2	1	7	8	3	6	9
9	2	3	8	4	1	7	5	6
6	1	5	7	3	9	2	8	4
4	7	8	2	5	6	9	1	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

CVW YKSWA HN ABI KJW QWKCV, MGC MX CVW CBZW CKDWA

KJW CKOWI HGC, BC'A PGAC AHJC HN K CBJWQ NWWEBIS.

TODAY'S CLUE: S EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Trouble is part of your life, and if you don't share it, you don't give the person who loves you a chance to love you enough.

MCC, Trusts, organisations come to the aid of needy

Mysuru, June 4 (KS) - Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), various Trusts and organisations have come together to lend their support to the poor and the needy and also to the District Administration in its fight against Corona.

While a few are distributing food packets, grocery kits, medicine kits etc. to the homeless, poor and the needy people, a few organisations, associations and corporates are donating medical equipment to the District Administration to be utilised for treating the poor patients.

Rotary Club of Mysore West provided food and water bottles to Police personnel at Devaraja, Krishnaraja, Narasimharaja, Siddarthanagar and V.V. Puram Traffic Police Stations recently. Club President Dr. Raghavendra Prasad, K.R. Traffic Inspector Vinay and others were present.

MCDCC Bank (Mysuru-Chamarajanagar District Co-operative Central Bank) President G.D. Harish Gowda on Wednesday distributed ration kits to artistes from Mysuru and Chamarajanagar district. The kits were distributed at a programme organised under the aegis of Artistes Welfare Trust at Kalamandira premises. About 68 artistes were distributed medical kits, while over 500 artistes and other workers serving at Kalamandira and Rangayana on contract basis, were distributed ration kits with funds provided by Harish Gowda and senior theatre artistes. Kannada and Culture Department Assistant Director H. Chennappa has urged donors to come forward for extending monetary help to artistes who are hit by COVID crisis.

Corporator M.V. Ramprasad launched the distribution of 1,500 ration kits provided by the MCC at a programme organised in MCC Ward No. 55 (Chamundipuram) on Wednesday. Ramprasad said that the MCC has provided 1,500 ration kits to be distributed among the poor and the needy residents of the ward and urged those who can donate to come forward and extend assistance in any form to the poor. MCC Zonal Assistant Commissioner Indramma, Revenue Inspector Umesh, Health Inspector Manju, leaders C. Sandeep, Manjunath, Shivakumar, Ravi, Puttappa, Venkatesh, Krishna and others were present.

Bhadreesh, a businessman from city, donated new clothes to about 120 people sheltered at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry. The clothes were distributed by MCC Additional Commissioner N.M. Shashikumar, Mission Manager Dr. J.S. Bhyralingaiah and CAO of MCC DAY-NULM (Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission) A. Shivappa.

NRI Engineers: After Kannadiga doctors in foreign countries started offering online medical consultations to COVID infected patients, it is the turn of NRI Engineers to come to the help of people in distress during COVID crisis.

A group of NRI Engineers from USA, Germany, Canada and Norway have funded ration kits for distribution among the poor and needy in the district. The distribution is being done through a team of like-minded engineers serving in different companies in Mysuru. The team, after identifying the beneficiaries, is distributing ration kits to them.

Team members Manjunath and Vaishak told *Star of Mysore* that on Wednesday, ration kits were distributed to more than 90 poor families at Thoremaavu village in Nanjangud taluk. Earlier, the team had distributed kits at several other villages in Mysuru taluk by following appropriate COVID-19 behaviour, they said and added that apart from distribution of kits, villagers are being educated on the importance of adhering to COVID guidelines.

Srinivasan Services Trust of TVS Motor Company has once again donated 1,000 PPE kits, five Oxygen Concentrators, face masks and hand gloves to the District Administration and the same was handed over to Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri by TVS Motor Company's P.C. Jayanna and Srinivasan Services Trust Field Director Puttamadaiah on Wednesday. Essential equipment have already been provided by the Trust to COVID Care Centres at Doddakanya, Mandakalli, Varakod, Mahadevanagar, Muddahalli, Tagadur and two CCCs at H.D. Kote.

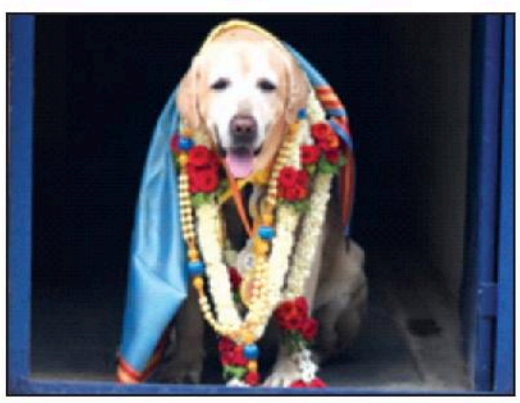
TNN Adarsha Students' Hostel and TNN Academy at N.R. Mohalla provided food packets, face masks and sanitiser bottles to Pourakarmikas recently. Academy Secretary M. Patil, Treasurer Puttaraju, Administrative Board Members Shankar, Narayan, Basavaraju, M.K. Kiran and others were present.

Ganesh, the sniffer dog retires

Mysuru, June 4 (KS)- Ganesh, the sniffer dog at City Dog Squad, retired from service yesterday. The officers and staff of the City Dog Squad accorded a warm farewell to their companion of years.

Ganesh, after obtaining training in detecting narcotics, was inducted to the Department on April 4, 2011. He had also won Southern Range Narcotics Detection competitions from 2015 to 2019 and had won the Best Dog award. He had participated in the State-level Police Duty Meet in 2017 (Narcotics detection) winning the Silver Medal and had represented Mysuru City Unit in the National Sports Meet held at Chennai in 2017.

Trained by Head Constable M. Balaraman, Ganesh was responsible for the detection of narcotics in Mandi Police limits and was involved in detecting narcotic substances in Mysuru Central Prison.



After serving for 10 years and one month, Ganesh retired from service yesterday. He was given a warm sendoff by CAR DCP Shivaraju, ACP N. Sudarshan, Dog Squad In-charge Officer K.M. Murthy, Inspector Suresh and others.

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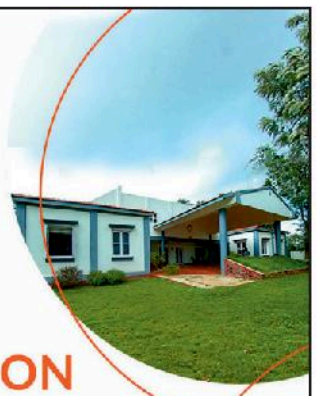

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